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MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING
OPEN SESSION
July 21, 2022

The July 21, 2022, meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chairman Scott Frick at the State Ethics Commission's Hearing Room located at 201 Executive Center Drive, Suite 150, Columbia, South Carolina. Commissioner Matthew N. Tyler, Commissioner F. Xavier Starkes, and Commissioner Neal D. Truslow were in attendance. Vice Chairman AJ Holloway, Commissioner Brandolyn T. Pinkston and Commissioner Mary Hunter B. Tomlinson appeared via Zoom call.

<u>Staff present</u>: Meghan Walker, Ami Franklin, Ryanne Caldwell, Courtney Laster, Kevin Hinson, Reggie Gaymon, Rachael O'Bryan and Deaven Linen were in attendance. Karen A. Wiggins joined via Zoom call.

Chairman Frick declared a quorum present. Director Walker noted for the record that the news media was duly notified.

MINUTES

Chairman Frick called for an approval of the minutes. Chairman Frick asked for any discussion or opposition. A motion was made by Commissioner Starkes, seconded by Commissioner Tyler, to accept the minutes from the May 19, 2022, Commission meeting. The motion carried with a 7 - 0 vote.

OFFICE OPERATIONS

Director Walker presented the Budget, Compliance Report, and Pending and Paid Orders for information and requested any opposition or discussion. Chairman Frick had questions about the fiscal year budget report.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Walker gave Commissioners an update on the end of the fiscal year budget. Director Walker also reminded Commissioners to forward any correspondence from the public to the Commission for a response and to be filed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Frick asked for further discussion or a motion to go into Executive Session to hear probable cause matters. A motion was made by Commissioner Tyler, seconded by Commissioner Truslow. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Frick asked for further discussion or a motion to return from executive session. A motion was made by Commissioner Starkes, seconded by Commissioner Truslow, to return to Open Session. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Frick asked for further discussion or a motion to adjourn. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Tyler, seconded by Commissioner Starkes, to adjourn at 12:12 p.m. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

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